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SUBJECT: HEMO CARIBBEAN

REF: PORT- AU- PRINCE 1006

1. AMBASSADOR CHALMERS CALLED AT THE DEPARTMENT JUNE 25 AT HIS REQUEST TO PRESENT OFFICIAL NOTE TRANSMITTING GOH POSITION ON HEMO CARIBBEAN DISPUTE. DOCUMENT ATTACHED TO NOTE WAS JUNE 15 FOURCAND MEMO, TRANSLATION OF WHICH TRANSMITTED REFTEL. CHALMERS INDICATED HE HAD READ PORTIONS OF FOURCAND MEMO TO HEMO LAWYER SHARLITT EARLIER IN DAY, AND REPORTEDLY INFORMED SHARLITT THAT IF HEMO REACTION TO MEMO WAS ONE OF QUOTE PROTEST UNQUOTE, ALL DOORS TO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOH WOULD BE CLOSED. ON OTHER HAND, IF REACTION WAS QUOTE Milder UNQUOTE THAN PROTEST, CHALMERS WOULD ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR FURTHER TALKS BETWEEN HEMO AND GOH DURING HIS WEEK'S VISIT TO PORT AU PRINCE WHICH IS TO BEGIN JUNE 27. CHALMERS BURMISED FROM MEETING WITH SHARLITT THAT LATTER AND GORENSTEIN IN NO WAY ANXIOUS STIMULATE "SCANDAL" WITH GOH OVER ISSUE OF REOPENING. REASON FOR THIS APPARENTLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS THAT, IF IT IS CLEAR HEMO WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OPERATE IN HAITI, COMPANY WOULD NOT WANT A PUBLIC ACRIMONIOUS DISPUTE WITH HAITI TO ENDANGER ANY OPPORTUNITIES IT MAY HAVE TO OPEN PLANTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

2. SHARLITT CONFIRMED MEETING WITH CHALMERS DURING DISCUSSION WITH DEPT. OFFICER JUNE 26. HE INDICATED THAT HEMO WOULD PREPARE A FULL RESPONSE TO FOURCAND MEMO FOR TRANSMITTAL TO GOH. HE SAID HE EQUATED CHALMERS REFERENCE TO A QUOTE PROTEST UNQUOTE REACTION WITH AN ATTEMPT BY HEMO TO INVOKE HICKENLOOPER. SHARLITT SAID HE HAD RECEIVED CHALMERS' ASSURANCES THAT THE COMPANY'S FULL RESPONSE TO MEMO WOULD IN NO WAY BE CONSTRUED BY GOH AS SUCH " PROTEST".

3. ON BASIS OF CONVERSATION WITH SHARLITT, IT NOW SEEMS THAT ALTHOUGH HEMO WILL ATTEMPT REFUTE ALL CHARGES OF CONTRACT VIOLATION SPECIFIED IN FOURCAND MEMO, HE (SHARLITT) NOT OPTIMISTIC OVER CHANCES OF HEMO OPERATING IN HAITI AGAIN. SHARLITT WILL PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH COPY OF HEMO RESPONSE TO MEMO.

4. CHALMERS INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE IN PORT- AU- PRINCE THROUGH JULY 4. CHARGE MAY WISH TO INCLUDE HIM IN GUEST LIST FOR EMBASSY JULY 4 TH RECEPTION. ROGERS

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